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Main Entry: **vaccine**

Pronunciation: vak-'sEn, 'vak-

Function: *noun*

Etymology: French *vaccin*, from *vaccine* cowpox, from New Latin *vaccina* (in *variola vaccinae* cowpox), from Latin, feminine of *vaccinus*, adjective, of or from cows, from *vacca* cow; akin to Sanskrit *vasa* cow

1 : matter or a preparation containing the virus of cowpox in a form used for vaccination

2 : a preparation of killed microorganisms, living attenuated organisms, or living fully virulent organisms that is administered to produce or artificially increase immunity to a particular disease

- **vaccine** *adjective*

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